



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of October 2013, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately eight (8) new cases. The major case investigations involved; one (1) burglary, two (2) fraud / Identity thefts, and one (1) sudden death. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets had their Annual Car Show (fundraising event) sponsored by "The Over the Hill Gang" on October 13, 2013 from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm at Cove Park in Wethersfield.

The Cadets continued with their fundraising efforts, "Curbs for Cadets."

An assessment is being conducted of the department's critical communication resources to ensure continuity of operations beyond what currently exists. Several options are being looked into and will be reported to the Chief of Police. Expected completion date is late November, and the report will include maintenance and accountability improvements as well as quotes for emergency power infrastructure improvements.

On Monday, September 30, 2013 the Wethersfield Police Department hired Mr. Peter Salvatore as a Probationary Police Officer. Officer Salvatore received Department orientation training for four days. He began attending the Connecticut Police Academy on Friday, October 4, 2013. Graduation from the Academy is expected in March, 2014.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at approximately 2:17 PM an officer observed a white Audi driving northbound on Wolcott Hill Road. The vehicle did not have a front license plate. The officer followed the car and caught up to it as it turned west onto Victoria Road in Hartford. The marker plate showed that it was cancelled on a 1995 Range Rover. The officer tried to stop the car as it turned onto George Street. The officer saw the driver reach down to the passenger side of the vehicle and then sit back straight in his seat. The vehicle increased speed and continued north on George Street at a very high rate of speed. The vehicle disobeyed several stop signs without even braking. The vehicle turned east onto Preston Street and then south onto Winship Street. The officer saw that the Audi was stopped on the west side of the street. The officer saw the driver exit the vehicle and run south towards Brown Street. The officer ran after him. The officer saw him manipulating the right side of his waist band. The officer feared that the male had a weapon, possibly a gun in his waist band. The male turned and started running northbound. The officer gave him several verbal commands to stop running. The male turned west onto Gilman Street and started to slow down. The officer told the male to show his hands and get on the ground. He did not. He continued to walk around a parked black truck. The officer drew his Taser. The male was warned again to stop and show his hands or that he would be tased. He did not listen to the officer and reached his right hand into his right front pocket. This was the same area that the male was manipulating when he first started running. The officer continued to fear that the male may have a weapon, perhaps a gun. The officer deployed his Taser, which struck the male in the lower left back and buttocks. The male dropped to the ground. The male was again given commands to show his hands and lay on his stomach. He started to sit up and he again reached his hand into his right front pocket. The officer deployed his Taser again. The officer saw that he was clutching something in his right hand. It appeared to be a plastic bag with a white powdery substance. The officer believed the substance to be some type of cocaine. The male finally listened to the officer's commands and lay on his stomach. The officer handcuffed the male. The same plastic bag with a white powdery substance was now lying underneath the male. The male was arrested and charged with Possession of Narcotics, Interfering with a Police Officer, Engaging in a Pursuit, Reckless Driving, No Insurance, Misuse of Marker Plates and No Front Plate. He was held on a \$100,000 bond and was presented in court on 10-16-2013. The Narcotics were seized and submitted into evidence. The Narcotics weighed 6.3 grams and tested positive for cocaine.

Support Services Bureau

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 739 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 33 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 103 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 212 calls for service.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed 12 child seats.

There were 93 phone calls and 60 calls for service involving animal control issues in Wethersfield. Of the calls for service, forty-three were handled by the part-time animal control officers and seventeen were handled by police officers. Two animals were impounded with one being redeemed, and one carried into November. Cases included one rabid skunk and two cases of dogs that attacked other animals. Animal Control Officers dealt with a large number of wildlife including several calls about coyotes, and skunks. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for ten calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for ten calls in Wethersfield.

Twenty-one persons were taken into custody and held requiring 274 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, fifteen were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including sixteen males and five females. The females incarcerated by the department required 72 hours of matron coverage.

Administrative Services Bureau

The department is at full strength for full time non-sworn employees and has one vacancy for sworn employees. A selection process is under way to fill the vacancy and is in the background phase. The department hired one entry level sworn officer and he is at the police academy for the next several months.

The department has concluded the 2013 DUI; Click it or Ticket, DOJ PVET, and Highway Safety HS-1 grants. The department is seeking council approval for the 2014 DUI grant. The department has exhausted all DOJ Bullet Proof Vest Partnership grant funds and will reapply when the grant is open again in 2014.

This department has responded to 64 alarms in month of October. Non-residential locations made up 31 (48%) of this total, residential alarms made up 30 (47%), and State and Town government made up 3 (5%.) The alarms received were: 59 burglar, 2 holdup / panic, and 3 fire. There currently are 1,665 alarm registrations on file, 55 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Eight new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$4,050 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 98 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 79 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

Wethersfield Detectives spent many hours testifying in a Home Invasion case that occurred in Wethersfield in June of 2012. This case involved an elderly Wethersfield resident that was followed home from a supermarket by a lone male, who later robbed her of her possessions. The case was recently adjudicated and the suspect was convicted on all counts relating to the Wethersfield arrest.

Juvenile Detective

Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 47 incidents, involving approximately 63 juveniles. In these incidents, 5 juveniles were arrested for criminal violations, 4 were diverted to parental discipline, and 1 was diverted to the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

School Resource Officer

During the month of June the SRO covered a total of thirty seven incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

Three incident reports were completed. One of the incident reports was for larceny, one was for a narcotics violation and one was for threatening and breach of peace violations. There were two arrests at the school during the month of October: one juvenile student was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and one juvenile student was arrested for Breach of Peace and Threatening.

One incident report was completed for theft of school property. Investigation later showed the item was not stolen and was returned to the school.

The SRO participated in one session of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in our town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board.

The SRO attended STARS/SRBI meetings on Fridays during the month of October pertaining to at risk students.

The SRO assisted school administrator's with a fire drill and a lock down drill.

The SRO attended a meeting with Principal Moore and WPD Support Services Commander Crabtree regarding the upcoming high school renovation project. The meeting covered the alternate traffic pattern for student/parent arrival and dismissal due to the remodel project.

The SRO also attended the School Board Renovation Committee meeting to discuss the first day of the new traffic pattern for the school arrival / dismissal.

The SRO did selective enforcement on Wolcott Hill Road for hazardous violations after receiving several complaints from the administration.

The SRO attended the Current Alcohol and Other Drug Trends Training by Prevention Partnership.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement twelve different times spending approximately 6 hours 37 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included Willow Street, Nott Street and Thornbush Road.

Based on a citizen complaint about speeding vehicles, a traffic study on Nott Street east of Westlook Road was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of ten (10) days. The speed limit in this area is posted at 30 MPH. During the 214 survey hours, 18,019 cars were recorded (westbound traffic only), averaging 84 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 31.3 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 38 MPH and a top speed of 65 MPH.

Based on a citizen complaint about speeding vehicles, a traffic study on Brimfield Road was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of eighteen (18) days. The speed limit in this area is posted at 30 MPH. During the 365.25 survey hours, 13,802 cars were recorded, averaging 38 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 23.5 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 24.3 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 29.3 MPH and a top speed of 56 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during October, 2013:

- On Westlook Road, install 'Speed Limit 30 MPH' sign southbound south of Nott Street.
- On Willow Street in front of Webb Elementary School install 'Beyond This Sign' placard under the existing 'No Parking Anytime' sign on the west side.
- On McMullen Avenue install new 'Speed Limit 25 MPH' sign southbound near #60 McMullen Avenue.
- On Brimfield Road:
 - Install new 'Speed Limit 30 MPH' sign westbound west of Folly Brook Blvd. (on right of way at bicycle path).
 - Replace speed limit sign eastbound east of Ridge Road.
 - Replace speed limit sign eastbound east of Olney Road.
- For the annual Keane Foundation Carnival on October 18-20, 2013, install temporary "No Parking" signs on and around the Cove Park area.
- For the annual Mikey's Place 5K on October 20, 2013 cones, barricades, one-way signs and temporary "No Parking" signs were placed on numerous streets around Garden Street and the Broad Street Green in Old Wethersfield.
- For the Highcrest School Fall Fair on October 25, 2013 install temporary "No Parking" signs on Highcrest Road.
- For the CREC Soundbridge School Fall Fair on October 26, 2013 install temporary "No Parking" signs on Progress Drive and position barricades at cul-de-sac.

Training Division

On September 30, October 1, 2, 3 and 4 2013 sworn personnel received annual training on **“Arrest & Control, Handcuffing, ASP, Taser, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC), Use of Force and Pursuit Policy.”** Each officer received an eight hour block of instruction. Officers received instruction on unarmed arrest and control techniques, ASP expandable baton techniques, oleoresin capsicum (OC), and annual pursuit policy training. Officers were recertified in the use of the Taser X26, which is required annually. Officers were given written tests on Use of Force, ASP, and Department motor vehicle pursuit policy, Handcuffing, OC and Taser. Officers were put through a stressful workout then were required to show their proficiency in the training they received. Training was conducted by instructors Lieutenant Donald Crabtree, Sergeants Oscar Rivera and Michael Connolly, and Detective Anthony DeMonte.

On Wednesday, October 2, 2013 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Master Police Officer Luis Gonzalez and Officer Ronald Floyd began attending monthly two-day training.

On Monday October 7, 2013, Detective Norberto Mendez began attending a one week training class entitled **“Finding Words.”** This training was held at Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. This training course teaches advanced forensic interviewing skills for physical abuse and other violent crimes.

On Monday, October 7, 2013, Detectives James Darby, Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris began attending a five day training class entitled **“Advanced Crime Scene.”** This training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department, Wethersfield, CT. Course objectives include lifting latent prints from unusual surfaces, locating and collecting trace evidence, learning casting methods and preparing a case for court.

On Tuesday October 15, 2013 Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended **“Incident Management Team Training.”** This training class was held at the West Hartford Fire Station#4, 2458 Albany Ave, West Hartford CT. The IMT Team is designed to provide personnel that are trained and organized to support emergency response and recovery efforts in event of a large crisis, man-made/ natural disaster etc.

On Tuesday, October 15, 2013 Lieutenant Donald Crabtree attended the **“Capital Region Chiefs’ of Police Recertification”** training held in Rocky Hill, CT. This recertification program, which is required every three years, is open to Chiefs of Police and Second in Command Officers only. Topics include Leading and Influencing, Executive Liability, Legal Updates, Policy Development, Police Suicide, Sexual Harassment, Juvenile Law, Gang Update and Ethical Decision Making. This training is held once per month concluding in May 2014.

On Thursday October 17, 2013, Detective Anthony Demonte, Officers Ronald Floyd and Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended a one day recertification class entitled **“NCIC/ COLLECT Recertification Training.”** Training was held at the Connecticut State Police Forensics Laboratory, Meriden, CT. This class is a recertification class for persons presently certified on the NCIC/ COLLECT computer system. Recertification is for a period of two years.

On Friday October 18, 2013, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree attended a one day training class entitled **“Right Response CT Network Team Leader Training.”** Training was held at the Courtyard by Marriott, Cromwell, CT. The Right Response CT Network is a new school-police-community collaboration for school safety through consistent and appropriate handling of disruptive students.

On Thursday October 24, 2013, Dispatchers Lauren Hammond attended a one day class entitled **“Safe KIDS Connecticut and Consumer Reports Training.”** Training was held at the Consumer Reports Auto Test Center, East Haddam, CT. The training facility performs crash tests on vehicles with child seats and presents the safest way for child seat installation.

On Tuesday October 24, 2013, Lieutenant Andrew Power, and Sergeants Oscar Rivera, Michael Connolly and Jennie Rivera attended a one day class entitled **“Domestic Violence Policy Training.”** The training was held at the Newington Fire Department Company #1, Newington, CT. The training was a review of the new State Domestic Violence Policy.

On Friday October 25, 2013, ACO’s David Santoro and Ronald Plante attended a one day training class entitled **“Taser Operator Certification.”** Training was held at the Newington Police Department, Newington CT. The training consisted of both classroom and practical training, which certifies the operators in the use of the Taser.

On Friday October 25, 2013 Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended a **“Regional Incident Dispatch (RID) Team Training Drill.”** This training was held at the New England Disaster Training Center, Camp Hartell, Windsor Locks CT. The RID Team is a group of approximately twelve telecommunicators comprised from local law enforcement agencies. The RID Team is designed to supplement area Dispatch Centers in the event of a large crisis, man-made/ natural disaster etc.

On Thursday October 31, 2013, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree, Sergeant Michael Connolly, and Officers Kenneth Newton and Albert Whaples attended a one day seminar entitled **“2013 STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMIT ON TRAFFIC SAFETY PRIORITIES.”** The training was held at the CCSU Central Connecticut State University campus New Britain, Connecticut. The agenda included updates/changes in the reporting forms of WAVE #43 of the *“Click it or Ticket”* Seatbelt program.

On Thursday October 31, 2013 Detective Norberto Mendez and Officer Eric Knapp began attending a one day training class entitled **“Current Alcohol and Other Drug Trends.”** This training was held at South Glastonbury Congregational Church, Glastonbury CT. This course provides key information and trends in regards to alcohol products, prescription drugs, designer drugs, and other street drugs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wethersfield Detectives are working with the Mid-State Narcotics Task Force, assisting with personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency to investigate local individuals.

The Cadets will participate in practical skills training on Domestic Violence and EDP during the month of November.

The annual Jamie's Run 5K road race will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2013 at 11:00 AM.

The Chamber of Commerce Holidays on Main event will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

Fall Firearms (low-light) training for all Department personnel is scheduled for the week of November 11, 2013.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	OCTOBER 2012	OCTOBER 2013	YTD 2012	YTD 2013
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	74	105	736	812
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	8	1	49	29
Commercial Burglaries	1	0	13	3
Armed Robberies	1	0	1	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	1	0	7	1
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	10	6	75	27
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	110	184	1710	1674
DUI	4	13	97	105
MV Crashes	56	49	498	649
Parking Tags	15	69	420	335
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	848	739	8349	8461
Alarm Responses	72	64	688	634
Records Requests	210	272	2479	2143
Prisoners Transported	14	21	158	161
Child Car Seat Installations	2	12	49	78